

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): A vulcanizing mold for rubber molded articles having air vents, each having exhaust passages opened to a cavity inner wall side at one end and communicating with the exhaust holes of the mold at the other end, wherein a movable valve for opening and closing the openings of the exhaust passages and forming a small gap with the openings of the exhaust passages when it is closed is provided on the cavity inner wall side of each of the air vents.

2. (original): The vulcanizing mold for rubber molded articles according to claim 1, wherein the movable valve is composed of one or more cover members having an opening/closing mechanism.

3. (original): The vulcanizing mold for rubber molded articles according to claim 2, wherein the cover members are a pair of semi-circular plates.

4. (original): The vulcanizing mold for rubber molded articles according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the movable valve is a plate-like cover member having a spring function to be urged toward an open direction.

5. (currently amended): The vulcanizing mold for rubber molded articles according to any one of claims 2 to 34, wherein a stepped portion is formed by sputtering or etching the exhaust passage side of the cover member, and a gap between the cover member and the openings of the exhaust passages is maintained by ~~this~~ the stepped portion.

6. (currently amended): The vulcanizing mold for rubber molded articles according to any one of claims 1 to 35, wherein the air vents are porous air vents, each having a porous member with a large number of pores which transmit only gas.

7-12. (canceled).

13. (new): The vulcanizing mold for rubber molded articles according to claim 1, wherein the small gap permits release of gas or small plug materials that are discharged through the vulcanization operation.